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In re of Applicant)	
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Title: METHOD OF REMOVING CALCIUM)	Customer No.: 022855
FROM WATER CONTAINING CALCIUM)	
HYDROGEN CARBONATE IN HIGH)	Confirmation No.: 3263
CONCENTRATION)	

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, having a due date of May 26, 2003, **which has been extended by two months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of July 26, 2003**, Applicant hereby submits the following:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.